

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and new Claims 7-9 are active in the present application.

The present invention relates to a thermal separating process.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 3-5 have been amended in order to remove multiple dependency therefrom. Moreover, new Claims 7-9 have been added which cover the same subject matter as original Claims 3-5. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

It is now believed that the application is in proper condition for consideration on its merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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